Robbery in Tirupati Express

3403. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether robbing and attacking of 12 passengers in the Tirupati Express was reported on 27.2.97;

(b) whether these incidents include robbing of Rs. 1.5 lakhs in cash and jewellery from passengers;

(c) whether such incidents of robbing and injuring passengers are increasing every day despite raising the strength of Railway Protection Force and Railway Protection Special Force;

(d) whether Government propose to provide atleast 4 armed personnel of RPF/RPSF in each passenger-coach of each train of the country running from one place to another; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Traffic Police for VIP duty

3404. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Traffic Police Kept on Toes for VIP duty" appearing in the Times of India dated December, 1, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to utilise the services of CRPF or some other force for the VIP duty and let Delhi Traffic Police perform its normal duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is within the assigned charter of duties for Traffic Police" personnel to regulate traffic during VIP movements and their deployment for the purpose is unavoidable.

(c) The traffic duty is specialised in nature and cannot be handed over to the CRPF or any other Para-military force the members of which are not trained in this field.

Killing of Dalits in Bihar

3405. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS)e pleased to state:

(a) whether eleven dalits were shot dead on March 24, 1997, after they were taken by a landlord to his field for harvesting in a village about 40 kms. from Patna in Bihar;

(b) whether this mass killing came as a fall-out of the ongoing feud between supporters of two millitant groups; and

(c) whether similar caste wars have also been frequent in villages of Uttar Pradesh and some other States; if so, the number and details of such caste feuds and killings in the country during the last, two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAOBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) According to available information, 10 Musahars (SC) were shot dead on March 23, 1997, near village Kab (PS Rani Talab/district Patna), by Ranbir sena, which is an armed outfit of Bhumihar landlords. The victims did not belong to any militant group.

(c) Available information of state-wise caste related incidents is enclosed in the statement.

Statement

Statement of Statewise Cast related incidents for the year 1996 and first quarter of 1997

S. No.	Name of the State	Number of Incidents (Ist Quarter)		Number of death (1st Quarter)		Number of Persons injured (Ist Quarter)	
		1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10	4	4	__	27	21
2.	Bihar	132	39	72	21	177	15
3.	Delhi	1	—	—	—	7	—
4.	Gujarat	13	4	4	2	36	8
5.	Haryana	3	—	2	—	28	—
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1	—	—		1	—
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	1					
8.	Karnataka	17	2	2	1	84	7
9.	Kerala	2	—	1	—	—	—
10.	Madhya Pradesh	13	1	5	1	18	—
11.	Maharashtra	61	9	4	2	51	11
12.	Orissa	8	3	2	—	21	14
13.	Punjab	2	—	—	—	20	—
14.	Rajasthan	33	2	8	—	56	2
15.	Tamilnadu	282	41	57	4	744	112
16.	Uttar Pradesh	93	43	43	36	112	65
17.	West Bengal						
	TOTAL	672	148	204	67	1382	255

Structural Reforms for the Police

3406. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not taking steps to reform the Indian police structurally as it still has to work under the conditions laid down by a colonial enactment of 1891;

(b) whether Government consider that the police have to change their ethos from enforcement to enablement and function as social workers in uniform; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Police is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. It is primarily for the State Governments to take necessary steps to restructure their police force and reform its functioning. After Independence, some Staje Governments have enacted their own Police Acts.

Review of TADA Cases

3407. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI MPHD. MASUP KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken and progress made in the review of cases of TADA detenues